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SUBJ: AIR FRANCE HIJACKING

1. AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON JULY 4, FEDERAL COUNCILOR KURT FURGLER (CHIEF OF JUSTICE AND POLICE MINISTRY) ON BEHALF OF SWISS GOVT EXPRESSED RELIEF OVER THE FREEING OF THE HOSTAGES. FURGLER ALSO NOTED THAT KAMPALA WILL NOT BE THE END OF THE STORY; THE PALESTINE PROBLEM REMAINS.

2. IN A REVIEW OF LAST WEEK'S EVENTS, FURGLER STRESSED THE CLOSE COORDINATION WITH PARIS, BONN AND TEL AVIV. FURGLER MENTIONED THAT THE GOS ATTEMPTED ON JULY 1-2, THROUGH THE ZAIRIAN AMBASSADOR IN BERN, TO GET PRESIDENT MOBUTO TO INTERVENE IN UGANDA IN EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A BLOODLESS SOLUTION. AS PRESSURE FROM KAMPALA MOUNTED, THE FEDERAL COUNCIL MET SEVERAL TIMES ON JULY 3. IN THE EVENING, THE FEDERAL COUNCIL FINALLY DECIDED NOT TO RELEASE PETRA KRAUSE. IN A TELEGRAM TO THE PFLP THROUGH THE FRENCH GOVT THE FEDERAL COUNCIL STATED THAT THERE WAS NO PALESTINIAN FREEDOM FIGHTER IN SWISS JAILS. FURGLER STRESSED THE DECISION CAME BEFORE GOS HAD KNOWLEDGE OF THE
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3. SWISS REACTED POSITIVELY TO THE ISREALI LIBERATION OF HOSTAGES. ISREALI EMBASSY HAS BEEN SWAMPED WITH CONGRATULATORY CALLS. EDITORIAL COMMENTS HAVE STRONGLY ENDORSED ISRAELI ACTION; NEUE ZURCHER ZEITUNG EDITORIAL NOTED THAT " THE PRESENT MASTER OF UGANDA PLACES HIMSELF ABOVE ALL LAW; HE MORE OR LESS COOPERATED WITH INTERNATIONAL CRIMINALS IN THE PRESENT CASE. THE DEFENSE OF THE LAW THROUGHOUT THE WORLD IS SERVED MORE IF A SMALL FELLOW IN AN EMERGENCY EXCEEDS MISUSED RULES OF THE GAME THROUGH A BRAVE ACT THAN IF GREAT NATIONS ALLOW THEMSELVES TO BE BLACKMAILED BY CRIMINAL FREEBOOTERS AND POLITICAL AMOK RUNNERS." ONLY SOUR EDITORIAL NOTE WAS STRUCK IN JOURNAL DE GENEVE WHICH SAID THAT REACTION WOULD HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT HAD ISRAELI ACTION TAKEN PLACE IN SWITZERLAND (IGNORING THAT CIRCUMSTANCES THEN WOULD HAVE BEEN GREATLY DIFFERENT).
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